

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
SHERMAN DIVISION

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Clerk, U.S. District Court  
Texas Eastern

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

CELSO MANUEL GAMBOA  
SANCHEZ

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Case No. 4:25CR-

Judge

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JCB / JDL

**INDICTMENT**

THE UNITED STATES GRAND JURY CHARGES:

**Count One**

Violation: 21 U.S.C. § 963 (Conspiracy  
to Manufacture and Distribute Cocaine,  
Intending, Knowing, and Having  
Reasonable Cause to Believe it would be  
Unlawfully Imported into the United  
States)

Beginning in or about 2017, and continuing thereafter through the date of this Indictment, within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the United States, including locations in and adjacent to Colombia, Panama, Costa Rica, Honduras, Guatemala, Mexico, and various countries throughout South, Central, and North America and elsewhere, the defendant,

**CELSO MANUEL GAMBOA SANCHEZ,**

did knowingly and intentionally combine, conspire, confederate, and agree with other persons known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to commit the following offense against the United States: to knowingly and intentionally manufacture and distribute five or more kilograms of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, a

Schedule II controlled substance, intending, knowing, and having reasonable cause to believe that such substance would be unlawfully imported into the United States, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 959(a) and 960. All in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 963.

**Count Two**

Violation: 21 U.S.C. § 959  
(Manufacturing and Distributing  
Cocaine, Intending, Knowing, and  
Having Reasonable Cause to Believe it  
would be Unlawfully Imported into the  
United States) and 18 U.S.C. § 2 (Aiding  
and Abetting)

On multiple dates beginning in or about 2017 and continuing thereafter through the date of this Indictment, within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the United States, including locations in and adjacent to Colombia, Panama, Costa Rica, Honduras, Guatemala, Mexico, and various countries throughout South, Central, and North America and elsewhere, the defendant,

**CELSO MANUEL GAMBOA SANCHEZ,**

aided and abetted by others, did knowingly and intentionally manufacture and distribute five or more kilograms of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance, intending, knowing, and having reasonable cause to believe that such substance would be unlawfully imported into the United States. All in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 959 and 18 U.S.C. § 2.

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO SEEK CRIMINAL FORFEITURE**

Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. §§ 853 and 970, 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c).

As the result of committing the offenses charged in this Indictment, the defendant shall forfeit to the United States pursuant to 21 U.S.C. §§ 853(a) and 970, any property constituting or derived from proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly, as a result of such offenses, and any property used or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit or to facilitate the commission of such offenses.

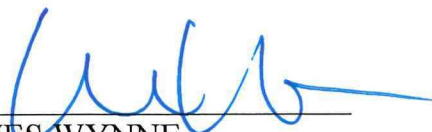
As authorized by 21 U.S.C. § 853(p) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), the United States intends to seek forfeiture of substitute property belonging to the defendant if, as a result of the defendant's act or omission, any property subject to forfeiture (1) cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence, (2) has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party, (3) has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court, (4) has been substantially diminished in value, or (5) has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without difficulty.

A TRUE BILL,

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GRAND JURY FOREPERSON

JAY R. COMBS  
Acting United States Attorney

  
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WES WYNNE  
Assistant United States Attorney

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**NOTICE OF PENALTY**

**Counts One and Two**

Violations: 21 U.S.C. §§ 959 and 963.

Penalties: Imprisonment for not less than 10 years nor more than life, a fine not to exceed \$10,000,000, and a term of supervised release of at least 5 years.

If the defendant has a previous conviction under the above statutes, the imprisonment term, fine amount, and supervised release term are double that otherwise authorized for an initial violation of those statutes.

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Assessment: \$100.00 per count